

**Report Of the Mississippi Delegate
Concerning the 84th Annual Session
Of the American Dental Hygienists' Association**

ADHA has a new look! Click on adha.org to see the bright, new two-color logo that also includes the full name of our association so no one can wonder what ADHA stand for. Through increased exposure to our logo in various publications, the general public will identify dental hygienists with ADHA, our professional organization.

The preceding paragraph briefly describes a very exciting event at the opening ceremony in the Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, June 22, 2007 at 5pm – the introduction of the results of the branding campaign. Next was a fascinating and fast-paced keynote address delivered by two military fighter pilots, code names Jackie O and Hitman, who discussed and showed videos of flying perfection. The opening ceremony was followed by the elegant Gala for the benefit of the Institute for Oral Health.

Saturday morning at 9AM 146 credentialed delegates were seated at the first session of the house. Business included presentation of nominations and a special message from Marcia Brand, RDH, PhD. The second HOD meeting on Monday afternoon was the real work in hearing and voting on the Reference Committees' recommendations on the various proposed changes to the bylaws and resolutions. Highlights included definitions that were adopted for evidence-based practice, cultural competence, linguistic competence, and credentialing. A proposal of an annual \$5 to cover the cost of printing *JDH* and poly-bagging it with *Access* was rejected. Proposals on collaboration with organizations regarding substance abuse, regulation of body-piercing establishments, and supporting the role of state-based coalitions were all approved. Improved timing to benefit all SAHDA members converting to active members was also passed. The PBY to require a candidate for president-elect to have served at least one year on BOT was rejected.

District VI caucus met several times to discuss the issues and meet various candidates running for office. Many thanks to our terrific District VI Trustee Catherine Ellington, RDH, BS, for keeping District VI on track and havin' fun. Also, District VI's own Donella Arrington from Tennessee ran and won a seat on the ADHA Ethics Committee.

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